



W.H. BALLARD

September 2025



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back Ballard Families,

We hope this newsletter finds you refreshed, recharged, and ready for another exciting school year! As the summer days wind down and the backpacks come out of storage, we're thrilled to welcome our students, staff, and families back to Ballard for the 2025-2026 academic year.

We look forward to greeting all our students on the back playground on Tuesday, September 2nd. Mr. Shearer and I, along with teachers and support staff will be available to help students find their homeroom teachers and classroom lines. Information regarding class placement will be available on the Parent Portal as of August 25th. If you encounter any issues logging into your account, please don't hesitate to reach out to the front office for assistance or refer to the steps outlined in this newsletter.

To access your Parent Portal, please visit ps.hwdsb.on.ca/public/

CELL PHONES

As we begin the new school year, we wish to remind all parents and students of HWDSB's cell phone policy. Student cell phones will be "**AWAY FOR THE DAY**". Students will be required to keep their cell phones in their lockers for the entire duration of the school day. **Students are not permitted to use their devices during break times.** Should you need to contact your child during the school day, we ask that you call the front office to leave a message.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

To see the 2025-2026 5-Day Cycle school year calendar, please [CLICK HERE](#)



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WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR

New Faces, New Energy: We're excited to introduce several new staff members who bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm to our school. Be sure to say hello and give them a warm welcome!

Construction Updates: Over the summer, we've made some improvements to our facilities, including newly renovated washrooms for students and staff.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Tuesday September 2nd**
First Day of School for Grades 1-8
- **Tuesday September 2nd**
Junior Kindergarten visits (teachers will reach out to families to schedule times)
- **Wednesday September 3rd**
all kindergarten students will attend school full-day
- **Friday September 19th** PA Day. No school for students.

CLASS PLACEMENTS

Families should access the Parent Portal for important information from teachers beginning August 25th, 2025 for the September term.

HOW TO ACCESS THE HWDSB PARENT PORTAL

- 1 Visit the Parent Portal login page:
ps.hwdsb.on.ca/public/
- 2 Enter your username and password
- 3 Reset your password (if necessary)
Click "Forgot Username or Password?"
Enter your username and email address.
Follow the instructions in the email to set a new password.
- 4 Log in with your new password
- 5 Navigate the portal:
 - Forms
 - Grades and Attendance
 - School Bulletins

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